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**DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE** 

Office of the Secretary

Re-establishment of Department of Defense Federal Advisory Committees

AGENCY: DoD.

**ACTION:** Re-establishment of Federal Advisory Committee.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Defense is publishing this notice to announce that it is reestablishing the charter for the Defense Acquisition University Board of Visitors ("the Board").

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jim Freeman, Advisory Committee Management Officer for the Department of Defense, 703-692-5952.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This committee's charter is being re-established under the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972 (5 U.S.C. Appendix, as amended), the Government in the Sunshine Act of 1976 (5 U.S.C. 552b) ("the Sunshine Act"), and 41 CFR 102-3.50(d).

The Board is a discretionary Federal advisory committee that shall provide the Secretary of Defense, through the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology and Logistics (USD(AT&L)) and the President of the Defense Acquisition University, independent advice and recommendations on the organizational management, curricula, methods of instruction, facilities, and other matters of interest to the Defense Acquisition University.

The Board shall report to the Secretary of Defense, through the USD(AT&L) and the President of the Defense Acquisition University. The USD(AT&L) or a designated representative may act upon the Board's advice and recommendations.

The DoD, through the USD(AT&L) and the President of the Defense Acquisition University, shall provide support, as they deem necessary, for the performance of the Board's functions, and shall ensure compliance with the requirements of the FACA, the Government in the Sunshine Act of 1976 (5 U.S.C. 552b) ("the Sunshine Act"), governing Federal statutes and regulations, and established DoD policies and procedures.

The Board shall be composed of not more than 14 members, who are former senior Defense officials, or are eminent authorities in academia, business, and defense industry. Board members shall be appointed by the Secretary of Defense or the Deputy Secretary of Defense, and their appointments will be renewed on an annual basis. Board members, who are not full-time or permanent part-time Federal officers or employees, shall be appointed as experts and consultants under the authority of 5 U.S.C. 3109, and serve as special government employee (SGE) members. Board members who are full-time or permanent part-time Federal employees shall serve as regular government employee (RGE) members.

With the exception of travel and per diem for official Board related travel, Board members shall serve without compensation.

The Secretary of Defense, in consultation with the USD(AT&L), shall select the Board's Chairperson from the approved Board membership, and this individual shall serve at the discretion of the Secretary of Defense, through the USD(AT&L).

In addition, the USD(AT&L) may invite other distinguished Government officers to serve as non-voting observers of the Board, and appoint, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 3109, non-voting consultants, with special expertise, to assist the Board on an ad hoc basis.

The Secretary of Defense may approve the appointment of Board members for one to four year terms of service; however, no member, unless authorized by the Secretary of Defense, may serve

more than two consecutive terms of service. This same term of service limitation also applies to any DoD authorized subcommittees.

Each Board member is appointed to provide advice on behalf of the government on the basis of his or her best judgment without representing any particular point of view and in a manner that is free from conflict of interest.

The DoD, when necessary and consistent with the Board's mission and DoD policies and procedures, may establish subcommittees, task forces, or working groups deemed necessary to support the Board. Establishment of subcommittees will be based upon a written determination, to include terms of reference, by the Secretary of Defense, the Deputy Secretary of Defense, or the USD(AT&L), as the Board's sponsor.

Such subcommittees shall not work independently of the chartered Board, and shall report all their recommendations and advice to the Board for full deliberation and discussion.

Subcommittees have no authority to make decisions, verbally or in writing, on behalf of the chartered Board; nor can any subcommittee or its members update or report directly to the DoD or to any Federal officers or employees.

All subcommittee members shall be appointed in the same manner as the Board members; that is, the Secretary of Defense or the Deputy Secretary of Defense shall appoint subcommittee members even if the member in question is already a Board member. Subcommittee members, with the approval of the Secretary of Defense, may serve a term of service on the subcommittee of one to four years.

Subcommittee members, if not full-time or part-time government employees, shall be appointed to serve as experts and consultants under the authority of 5 U.S.C. 3109, and shall serve as SGE members, whose appointments must be renewed by the Secretary of Defense on an annual basis.

Subcommittee members who are full-time or permanent part-time Federal employees shall be appointed as RGE members. With the exception of travel and per diem for official Board related travel, subcommittee members shall serve without compensation.

All subcommittees operate under the provisions of FACA, the Sunshine Act, governing Federal statutes and regulations, and established DoD policies and procedures.

The Designated Federal Officer (DFO), pursuant to DoD policy, shall be a full-time or permanent part-time DoD employee, and shall be appointed in accordance with governing DoD policies and procedures.

In addition, the Board's DFO is required to be in attendance at all Board and any subcommittee meetings for the entire duration of each and every meeting; however, in the absence of the DFO, a properly approved Alternate DFO shall attend the entire duration of the Board or subcommittee meetings.

The DFO, or the Alternate DFO, shall call all meetings of the Board's and its subcommittees; prepare and approve all meeting agendas; and adjourn any meeting when the DFO, or the Alternate DFO, determines adjournment to be in the public interest or required by governing regulations or DoD policies and procedures; and chair meetings when directed to do so by the official to whom the Board reports.

Pursuant to 41 CFR 102-3.105(j) and 102-3.140, the public or interested organizations may submit written statements to Defense Acquisition University Board of Visitors membership about the Board's mission and functions. Written statements may be submitted at any time or in response to the stated agenda of planned meeting of Defense Acquisition University Board of Visitors.

All written statements shall be submitted to the DFO for the Defense Acquisition University

Board of Visitors, and this individual will ensure that the written statements are provided to the

membership for their consideration. Contact information for the Defense Acquisition University

Board of Visitors DFO can be obtained from the GSA's FACA Database –

http://www.facadatabase.gov/.

The DFO, pursuant to 41 CFR 102-3.150, will announce planned meetings of the Defense

Acquisition University Board of Visitors. The DFO, at that time, may provide additional

guidance on the submission of written statements that are in response to the stated agenda for the

planned meeting in question.

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